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Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.

Serial No.: 09/435,576

Filed: November 8, 1999

For: **HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR
EXTENDED RELEASE FORMULATION**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 2002

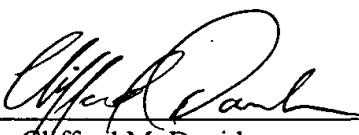
Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002 for three (3) months from September 18, 2002 to December 18, 2002.

The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552 for \$920.00 to cover the three (3) months extension fee. If it is determined that any additional fees are due, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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